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## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Berkeley**, Ph.D. Business Administration, 2023 (expected)

Advisor: J. Miguel Villas-Boas

**Stanford University**, Exchange student in Economics, 2019

**University of Michigan**, B.S. Mathematics, B.S. Statistics, 2017

**Peking University**, Major in Mathematics, 2012 - 2015

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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◦ Competitive Strategy                      ◦ Incentives and Contracts                      ◦ Economics of Information

## PAPERS

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◦ Dynamic Persuasion and Strategic Search

◦ Failure of Reputation for Privacy

◦ A Dynamic Model of Optimal Retargeting (with J. Miguel Villas-Boas)     *Marketing Science*, 2021

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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◦ Multi-attribute Search (*preliminary draft available upon request*)

◦ Optimal Contract with Lockout Technology (with Brett Green)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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◦ Graduate Student Instructor, Marketing Strategy (MBA), 2022

◦ Graduate Student Instructor, Microeconomic Theory (graduate), 2020

◦ Graduate Student Instructor, Marketing (undergraduate), 2019

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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SAP America, Development Intern (advertising attribution group), May 2018 – Dec. 2018

## HONORS AND AWARDS (GRADUATE)

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◦ ISMS Doctoral Consortium Fellow, 2020, 2021

◦ AMA-Sheth Foundation Doctoral Consortium Fellow, 2020

◦ Sasakawa Young Leadership Fellowship, 2018

◦ Dean of the graduate division award, 2017

## SELECTED COURSEWORK

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*Marketing:*

Marketing Strategy

Special Research Topics in Marketing Strategy

Discrete Choice Model

Choice Theory and Modeling

J. Miguel Villas-Boas

Ganesh Iyer

Przemek Jeziorski

Fred Feinberg

Structural Models\*  
Bayesian Modeling\*  
Judgment and Decision Making

*Economics:*

Microeconomic Theory I  
Microeconomic Theory II  
Macroeconomic Theory I  
Decision Theory and Epistemic Game Theory  
Game Theory and Economic Applications  
Game Theory  
Mechanism Design  
Contracts, Information, and Incentives\*  
Theory and Practice of Auction Market Design\*  
Continuous-time Methods in Economics\*  
Continuous-time Asset Pricing Theory  
Corporate Finance Theory  
Industrial Organization (theory)  
Industrial Organization (empirical)

*Econometrics, Statistics, OR, and CS*

Econometrics I  
Econometrics II  
Machine Learning  
Statistical Inference  
Linear Model  
MCMC  
Linear Programming

Puneet Manchanda  
Anocha Aribarg  
Ellen Evers

David Ahn  
Haluk Ergin  
Andrés Rodríguez-Clare, Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas  
David Ahn  
Gabriel Carroll  
Yuichiro Kamada  
Philipp Strack  
Ilya Segal  
Paul Milgrom, Michael Ostrovsky  
Yuliy Sannikov  
Richard Stanton  
Brett Green, Dmitry Livdan  
Joseph Farrell  
Kei Kawai

Michael Jansson, Bryan Graham  
Demian Pouzo, James Powell  
Jacob Abernethy  
Ya'acov Ritov  
Ya'acov Ritov  
Yves Atchade  
Jon Lee

*Extensive and rigorous mathematical training*

in analysis, algebra, geometry, topology, combinatorics, number theory, differential equations, and probability

\*: audited while fully participated in the lectures, assignments, and exams